

# THE HONG KONG TELEGRAPH.

No. 4018.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1895.

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital.....\$300,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
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H. Stoltzfus, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.  
Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months fixed, 5 per cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS.....\$800,000  
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INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months.....5 per cent.  
" " " 6 " .....4 "  
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A. C. MARSHALL,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [9]

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INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,185,000  
PAID-UP.....\$685,500

BANKERS:—  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.  
" 6 " .....4 "  
" 3 " .....3 "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [18]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$2,551,093.15.00

BANKERS:  
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BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:—  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,

ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained  
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [24]

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SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
NEW ZEALAND.

THE undersigned are prepared to accept  
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.  
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [45]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000;  
EQUAL TO.....\$83,333.33.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
LEE SING, Esq. LO YEK MOOW, Esq.  
LOU TEO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1894. [940]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG VAT., Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:—  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 10th May, 1894. [944]

## Intimations.

R. J. TRANNACK,  
DECEASED.

ALL CLAIMS against, and ALL MONIES  
DUE to the Estate of the late RICHARD  
JAMES TRANNACK, of the Imperial Maritime  
Customs, who died at Amoy, on the 16th  
January, 1895, must be sent to the Under-  
signed on or before the 30th April, 1895.

A. J. HADLEY,  
Attorney for  
W. W. DICKINSON,  
C. B. SHERMAN, Executors.  
Amoy, 23rd March, 1895. [393]

## NOTICE.

A GENTLEMAN with a thorough knowledge  
of the ENGLISH and SEVERAL CON-  
TINENTAL and EASTERN LANGUAGES  
seeks an engagement. Is a Good Accountant  
and has excellent local references. Would accept  
a moderate salary, with good prospects.  
Address in first instance

"DIXON,"  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1895. [391]

FLETCHER'S SARSAPARILLA AND  
POTASSIUM IODIDE.  
Unqualleed as a Blood Purifier.

FLETCHER'S PURE EXTRACT OF MALT.  
FLETCHER'S EXTRACT OF MALT AND  
COD LIVER OIL.

By the use of this valuable combination the  
system is strengthened and liability to Coughs,  
Consumption, Influenza, &c. is lessened.

FLETCHER'S COMPOUND SYRUP OF THE  
HYPOPHOSPHITES.  
Recommended for its tonic action on the  
Nervous system.

AGENTS in Hongkong and South of China for  
TANSAN, the New Japanese Table Water which contains  
8 per cent. more Iron Carbonate than that from  
any similar Spa.

FLETCHER & Co., "THE PHARMACY,"  
23, Queen's Road Central,  
AND  
CARMICHAEL & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 19th March, 1895. [31]

## "DERMATOL."

MANUFACTURED by FABERWERKE,  
HACHET s/M.; Its effect in stimulating  
the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal  
administration against diarrhoea, is described as  
amazing.

D. R. KNORR'S  
LION BRAND  
ANTIPYRINE.  
(Dose for Adults 15 to 35 GRAINS TROY.)

Is the most approved and most efficacious  
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,  
NEURALGIA, RHUMATISM, FEVER,  
TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSI-  
PELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other  
complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic.  
Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty.  
Ask for Dr. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each  
Tin bears the Inventor's signature "Dr.  
KNORR" in red letters.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and  
Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China  
Export Import and Bank Compagnie.—  
 Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1894. [446]

## AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN  
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most  
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of  
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind  
patronage and support, and desires to state that  
she will be pleased to receive orders for all  
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs  
and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,  
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,  
Materials may be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful for  
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into  
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who  
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1894. [401]

## FLOUR.

IF YOU WANT GOOD BREAD  
USE

SPERRY'S MILLS

BAKERS FLOUR

SPERRY & CO.

STOCKTON CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

184 California Street.

AND TAKE NO OTHER

MEE CHEUNG,

PHOTOGRAPHER,

TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, IN

Ice-House Road.

I am now in a position, in my New and Com-  
modious Premises, to exhibit, as heretofore,  
ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED

in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.

GROUPS AND VIEWS

a speciality.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1894. [399]

## Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN  
AGENCY, LIMITED.  
28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.



## DAGGER PACKING

SPECIAL DAGGER PACKING  
FOR HIGH PRESSURE, ROUND  
OR SQUARE.

ASBESTOS PACKINGS of every description.  
ASBESTOS SHEETS, MILLBOARDS, CANVAS, &c.  
ASBESTOS COMPOSITION for (OVERING BOILERS AND STEAM PIPES,  
CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tack Floss), SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS,  
ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant.

ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1895. [389]

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE HAD FROM  
KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1895. [6]

## TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,

"KREMLIN"

A. B. C. Code.

## TELEPHONE,

No. 32.

MAIL STEAMERS.

E. J. RICHARDSON,  
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1895. [335]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, AIR-MAKERS, &c.

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS OF  
SHIP AND ENGINE STORES  
OF BEST HANDS.

AGENTS FOR—

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PRICES SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OIL.

United Asbestos Co.'s HIGH GRADE packaging and jointing for Triple-Expansion Engines.

PURE FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

TELEPHONE No. 37.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1895. [355]

THE CLUB HOTEL, METROPOLE,  
5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

1, TSURUJI, TOKYO.

TO LET.

ON A LEASE OF A TERM OF YEARS.

THE COMMODIOUS HOTEL "BOA VIDA".

The Hotel is well furnished and  
possesses well-protected full-sized THUR-  
STON'S BILLIARD TABLE.

It is admirably situated in one of the Best  
and Coolest Localities of Macao, in Bishop's  
Bay, with a Garden adjoining it, being a very  
wholesome Summer resort, where a Seawater

is generally enjoyed.

For Particulars, apply to

Mrs. MARIA B. DOS REMEDIOS,  
Proprietrix.

Macao, 25th March, 1895. [399]

TO LET.

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"HIGHCLERE" at MAGDALENE GAP.

"RAVENSHILL" WEST, on ROBINSON  
ROAD.

"DUNHEVED" in ROBINSON ROAD  
(partly Furnished).</

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

COLDS IN THE HEAD, &c.  
BURROUGHS WELLCOME & Co.'s  
PINOL EUCALYPTIA INHALERS.

ONE of the best remedies extant for Nasal  
Catarrh and all disorders of the Nasal  
Passages and Nasopharyngeal membranes.  
Price ..... \$1.25.

EUCALYPTUS OIL.  
A STANDARD REMEDY FOR COLDS.  
Sprinkled on the handkerchiefs and over the  
breast of the night clothing it gives almost  
instant relief.  
Bottles ..... \$1.00 and 50 Cents.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & Co., Ltd.,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 19th January, 1895.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

### WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are Selected by our London  
House, bought direct at first hand,  
imported in Wood and Bottled by ourselves,  
thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling  
us to supply the best growths at moderate  
prices.

PRICE LISTS, WITH FULL DETAILS, TO BE HAD  
ON APPLICATION.

PORT.—After removal should be rested a  
month before use. When required for  
drinking at once it should be ordered to be  
decanted at the Dispensary before being  
sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent dinner and after dinner  
Wines of very superior vintage. All are  
the New & Old Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest  
prices, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are not  
synthetically made from raisins and currents,  
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRAZIL.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to  
be true Cognac, the difference in price  
being solely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent  
quality and greater age than most brands  
in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked  
"A" is universally local connoisseurs to  
be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong Market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to  
be genuine when bought direct from us in the  
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the  
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1895.

The Hongkong Telegraph  
HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1895.

THE MERCHANTS, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE STRIKERS.

This action taken by the Committee of leading European merchants to arrange a *modus vivendi* with the strikers, who have caused so much trouble and such great losses to the whole mercantile community of Hongkong, unfortunately appears to have been a misdirected effort partaking strongly of the nature of a striking example of how "too many cooks spoil the broth." The intention of Mr. J. K. Keswick and his colleagues was, no doubt, to assist the Government, if possible, to effect a speedy termination of the strike and, if the Committee had throughout kept in close touch with the Government and, while displaying a conciliatory spirit towards the malcontents, had declined to do more than merely inform the Government exactly what the strikers' alleged grievances were and recommended that, in whatsoever manner it might be possible, some concessions should be made. Instead of that, however, the Committee issued a proclamation last night—a copy of which was published in the *Telegraph*—which it is claimed has resulted in weakening the hands of the Executive; for the Committee proposed certain concessions should be made to the Coolie Lodging-house keepers when the strike was probably on the eve of utter collapse. Moreover, the Government, which, to its credit, has throughout maintained a very firm attitude, could not possibly be expected to give way in any shape or form since it was well aware that the power of the strike leaders was on the wane, victory well within view, and the announcement of any "change of front" was likely to lead to virtual disaster.

As far as the conference, which was to have been held at Government House this morning, is concerned it had to be

abandoned at the eleventh hour, for his Excellency the Governor sent his answer to the Committee last night to the effect that he would make no concessions and that he did not view the suggestions concerning the Landlords with any favour at all.

As a matter of fact the P. & O. Co.'s Compradores was on the point of registering all his coolies yesterday, but when he heard of the palavering at the City Hall he of course put it off. The strike was, we are assured, practically over last night, but the conference between the European Committee and the leading Chinese will, we fear, result in a prolongation of the struggle between Capital and Labour. The keepers of lodging houses and head men must be held primarily responsible, otherwise the new sanitary laws will, we fear, become a dead letter and the slums of the colony will be as filthy as ever and the danger of a recurrence of the plague or some other epidemic just as imminent in the future as it has, unhappily, been in the past.

It is unfortunate that any difficulty should have arisen between the heads of the large European firms and the Government and, without expressing an opinion as to who is in the wrong, we are bound to urge both parties to work together for the general good. "A house divided against itself cannot stand" and although there may be some justifiable difference of opinion, yet, the die having been cast the danger involved in bungling an inch is so serious as to warrant the pocketing of all differences for the present. When the strike is over some modification of the laws, if desirable, may be made with safety, but we fail to see how, in view of all that has transpired during the past week, a middle course can now with safety be adopted. Moreover, is it necessary? We think not, seeing the Government is, if driven to it, probably perfectly competent to "Hold the Fort" against all the odds that the guilds can possibly hurl against it.

"Many men, many minds" is an old saying verified in this case and it probably explains why unfortunate differences have arisen. Better results might, possibly, be achieved if one "strong man" only be appointed to represent the community throughout the present crisis.

### TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

LI HUNG-CHANG.

SHANGHAI, March 30th.  
Li Hung-chang is progressing steadily towards recovery. He is out of danger and it is to be hoped will soon continue improving.

LI HUNG-CHANG.

LONDON, March 29th.

It is expected that Li Hung-chang will be recovered sufficiently to resume the negotiations for peace in a few days.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Mr. Sydney Charles Buxton, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to a question by Mr. J. Henniker-Heaton, Member for Canterbury, said that it was not expedient to appoint a Select Committee of Colonists of the Straits and Hongkong, and that an inter-departmental committee was considering the whole question of the contribution of Eastern Colonies.

THE CUBAN REVOLT.

Senor Canovas states that the situation in Cuba is a grave one, that two thousand more troops will follow the seven thousand already despatched, and that the Government is prepared to send one hundred thousand if necessary.

(Special to Shanghai Mercury.)

THE JAPANESE EMPEROR DISPATCHES SURGEONS.

AN AIDE-DE-CAMP CONVEYS MESSAGE.

YOKOHAMA, 25th March.

A telegram from Hiroshima, dated March 24th, states that immediately upon receiving the report of the fatal occurrence the Emperor despatched two of his principal surgeons, Dr. Sato and Ishiguro, to Shimonosaki to attend the wounded Viceroy. Colonel Nakamura, the personal aide-de-camp to the Emperor, was also sent immediately to Li Hung-chang, carrying messages of sympathy from the Emperor and Empress. Three officials left Hiroshima by special steamer.

THE FIRING ON THE PESCADORES.

A PROLONGED ATTACK.

AMONG, March 25th.

The officials at Chonghua and Karyee on the main road of Formosa report having yesterday heard by cannonading all day from the Pescadores. The firing was not renewed this morning.

(Special to North-China Daily News.)

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

PEKING, March 23rd.

Peace negotiations have begun at Hiroshima. The first question discussed was that of an armistice, but no decision was arrived at. The reception of Li Hung-chang was cordial, and the outlook of the negotiations is viewed as favourable.

WATER MOVEMENTS.

SHANHAIKWAN, March 24th.

Governor Wu Ts-cheng's army has retreated to Shisanshan, about twenty odd miles north-east of Nant. Kitchoow, on the left bank of the West Shabo river, where the army commissariat had been transferred from Tien-chuang. General Sung's army is now marching through the hill country called Pianshan, about eighteen miles east of Wu Ts-cheng's army. The enemy's advanced posts are known to be in the vicinity of the East Shabo river and are expected to march against the Chinese army within a few days, as the recent snowstorms have been too severe for active movements of any dimension.

A battle will probably take place for possession of North Kitchoow in the vicinity of Shisanshan. The Hunan troops of Governor Wu will form the centre; the Generalissimo, Liu Kun-yi's army the right wing; and the Hui army under General Sung Ching, the left wing of the Chinese force. Governor Wu will probably be unable to take part in the expected battle, as he has been ordered to leave for Peking, although Liu Kun-yi has asked that his departure should be deferred. Cavalry reconnaissances of the coast to the south of North Kitchoow have been made every day, despite the weather, and this morning it is reported that Japanese ships and troops have been observed at Tachiau Island, about

140 miles south of T. Kitchoow. The island has been taken possession of by the enemy but no attempt on the mainland has, up to date of telegram, been made by them.

[From Japanese Papers]  
CHO ERA AT MOI.

FUKUOKA, March 29th.

The following telegram despatched by the Governor of Fukuoka has reached the Home Department:

An epidemic of a vomiting and purging nature broke out at Moi on the 8th instant. As it continued to spread suspicions were aroused but nothing was ascertained by the doctor in charge of the cases as to the nature of the epidemic. Afterwards the doctors of the Provincial Hospital were invited to see the patients. As a result of a post-mortem examination it was discovered that the patients had been suffering from cholera. Measures are now being taken to check the spread of the malady. Eighteen persons have been affected by the disease, of whom ten succumbed, and there are signs of a further spread. The first patient is said to have been visiting a transport which recently returned from China.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another part of this issue that well-known Macao hotel the Bob Vista is let.

THE British cruiser *Archer* and the gunboats *Lynx* and *Persic* will be recommissioned on Monday for a further term of service on the China Station.

A REGULAR meeting of the Victoria Prebisch will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening at 8.30 for a o'clock. The visiting knights are cordially invited to attend.

New piano repairing machinery, received by W. Robinson & Co.

THE British cruiser *Archer* and the gunboats *Lynx* and *Persic* will be recommissioned on Monday for a further term of service on the China Station.

FUJIKAWA stock of banjos, mandolines, guitars, accordions, strings and fittings of all kinds at W. Robinson & Co.

THE *Rising Sun* and *Nagasaki Express*, publish the following telegram, dated Tokio, 13th inst.—In connection with the question of peace, a heated discussion took place at Hiroshima between Its. Prime Minister, and Rear-Admiral Viscount Kabayama, during which the latter was excited as to strike the former with a blow, thereby inflicting certain injury.

Note.—The above telegram was published in the *China Nippon* of the 14th inst., and the following day was withdrawn by order of the authorities, which, of course, did not affect the public belief in the authenticity of the fact stated.

The note was followed by the suspension of the *Nippon* yesterday, for publishing a certain article detrimental to social peace in its issue on the 14th inst.—Ed. *R. S. & N. R.*

There will be a Church Parade of the Hongkong Volunteers at Union Church at 12 o'clock to-morrow morning. Members intending to be present are requested to muster at Headquarters about 12.30 p.m.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Star* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pendant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

FUJIKAWA Jack Dempsey will probably be placed in an asylum in New York until he has recovered sufficiently to permit his removal to his family at Portland, Oregon. He attempted to kill his life at Coney Island the other day by cutting the arteries of his wrist with a fork.

AS will be seen by an advertisement in another column two concerts, in aid of local charities, will be given at the Theatre Royal, the Hall, on Tuesday and Saturday next, the 1st and 6th proximo, when Mendelssohn's "Lyric Ode" will be performed by a full orchestra conducted by Mr. G. P. Lammer.

W. ROBINSON & CO., piano builders, tuners and repairers.

THE PERUVIAN newspapers severely criticize the action of British residents in Peru in asking their Minister to intervene in the internal and external affairs of the country. If Great Britain takes any action in Peruvian matters, the Peruvians will assert the Monroe doctrine. They want Spanish America for the Spanish Americans.

The following is from Mr. Jno. A. Sullivan's Shanghai share report of the 23rd instant:—*Hongkong and Shanghai Banks* at 170 percent; *North China* at Tls. 207; *Indo-China* at Tls. 312; *Farwah & Co.* shares at Tls. 137 and Tls. 140; *Shanghai Lanhsat Tobacco Co.* shares at Tls. 95, Tls. 102, Tls. 101 for cash, and for clearance 30th June at Tls. 105.

THE last sale of property to be made by the Liquidators of the Singapore Insurance Company was put through on the 1st instant. The shareholders, says the *Strait Times*, will be disappointed if there is any further delay in issuing a statement. They want to know about the alleged defalcations which have been a matter of public legal procedure.

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THE MERCHANTS AND THE STRIKERS.

To the Editor of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR.—As members of the committee appointed by the meeting held at the City Hall on Thursday, the 26th Inst., to consider what should be done in the present labour crisis, we beg to request that you will publish the following statement of what has taken place:—

We held immediately after the public meeting a meeting of the Committee to consider what steps we should take, and we unanimously decided that our first effort should be to obtain information as to what the government of the coolies really were. With that object we summoned at once the compradores of the leading firms to confer with us and on their advice we awaited the result of the meeting they were to hold themselves the same evening. We understand that this meeting continued until 11 p.m., and the following morning we were informed that they would meet us at 3 p.m. together with representatives of other influential native firms, and communicate to us their views. We accordingly met them at 3 p.m. yesterday, at the Chamber of Commerce Room, where an acting house was located, were informed what the grievances of the coolies were, if any, and what they suggested should be done under the circumstances. They replied that the great apprehension of the coolies was that the proposal to register really concealed behind it an intention of the Government ultimately to impose a poll-tax. We pointed out in the strongest way possible that the Chinese deputation required, for it was perfectly competent for a landlord to register his name in the list of the tenants appearing, and yet he would comply with the law, and the full benefit of the Health Ordinance, and the enforcement of By-Laws; whereupon it was agreed that the Chinese deputation should be invited to meet us again at 5 p.m. on Friday evening, and that we would then consider what steps we should take.

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We held immediately after the public meeting a meeting of the Committee to consider what steps we should take, and we unanimously decided that our first effort should be to obtain information as to what the government of the coolies really were. With that object we summoned at once the compradores of the leading firms to confer with us and on their advice we awaited the result of the meeting they were to hold themselves the same evening. We understand that this meeting continued until 11 p.m., and the following morning we were informed that they would meet us at 3 p.m. together with representatives of other influential native firms, and communicate to us their views. We accordingly met them at 3 p.m. yesterday, at the Chamber of Commerce Room, where an



